

**Record of Proceedings
Village of Peninsula Council
REGULAR SESSION
ELECTRONIC ZOOM MEETING**

Held: Monday, August 10, 2020

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL: The Village of Peninsula Council convened at 7:00 p.m. electronically via Zoom Meeting. Mayor Daniel Schneider, Jr. called the meeting to order, and the following members were present.

COUNCILMEMBERS:

Mayor Daniel Schneider, Jr.	Present	John Krusinski	Present
Richard Fisher, Jr.	Present	Chris Weigand	Present
Michael J. Kaplan	Present	Daniel Schneider, Sr.	Present
George Haramis	Present		

OTHERS PRESENT: Solicitor Brad Bryan and Fiscal Officer Trevor Elkins.

PRESENTATION OF AGENDA AND AMENDMENT OF THE AGENDA: Linda Criss, Vice President of Communications from the Akron Zoo, shared her presentation with Council and provided information regarding the Zoo levy that will appear on the November election ballot and Peninsula's Community Days at the Akron Zoo (September 12-25, 2020). Free tickets for the Community Days can be reserved online at www.akronzoo.org from September 1-14.

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS:

July 13, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes: Because not all members had a chance to review the Minutes prior to the Meeting, Council decided to defer approval of the July 13, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes until the September Council Meeting.

SPECIAL MATTERS AS DETERMINED BY THE CHAIR: Mr. Kaplan made a motion that was seconded by Councilman Fisher to award the 2020 Award for Lifetime Service to Richard Fisher Sr. and adopt a Proclamation memorializing that award.

Roll call Vote: Mr. Kaplan, yes; Mr. Fisher, yes; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Krusinski, yes; Mr. Weigand, yes; Mr. Schneider, yes. The Motion was approved. Mr. Fisher's name will be added to the Award for Lifetime Service plaque located at Village Hall.

Mr. Kaplan proposed that a plaque be placed next to a flower box located on the State Rt. 303 Bridge as a tribute to the late Mary Booth. Mr. Kaplan explained the box in question is in the shade and requires additional attention and care. Ms. Booth volunteered to exclusively tend to that flower box when she was alive, and therefore, Mr. Kaplan thought a plaque recognizing Ms. Booth in that spot would be a fitting tribute. Council agreed. Mayor Schneider stated he would assist with making sure the plaque was placed at the requested spot.

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CITIZENS PARTICIPATION: None.

REPORTS:

Mayor Daniel Schneider Jr.: The Mayor reported the progress on the Riverview Road Bridge has slowed. The Road has been closed since Memorial Day due to damage caused by the heavy rains. The estimated completion date for the repairs is now August 22, 2020. The Mayor also informed Council the Conservancy for the CVNP has formed a Committee called the 'Peninsula Land Project' in order to discuss future uses of the old golf course property once it is acquired by the Conservancy and/or CVNP. The Mayor stated he, John Krusinski, and Karen Walters were asked to be Committee Members. He will advise Council of any developments once they occur.

Fiscal Officer Trevor Elkins: Mr. Elkins provided an update on the Village's income tax collections. He stated the Village is down a little less than 4% for the year, which equates to a projected income loss of about \$15,000 for the year. He stated he adjusted the Financial Report dates he provides to Council from mid-month to the end of the month, which should make the reports more useful. Mr. Elkins also stated the Gasoline Excise Tax and Local Government Funding are down from last year.

Street Commissioner Douglas Anderson: Mr. Haramis reported the Service Department is presently engaged in standard maintenance work, pot-hole repairs, and mowing. Mr. Haramis also talked through several options the Service Department and the Mayor have been exploring for additional winter storage. Mr. Haramis stated the Village has the option of building a relatively inexpensive, quick-build structure similar to a modified salt dome. That type of structure would satisfy the Village's short term needs while a long-term plan is developed. Mr. Haramis made a motion to seek a Request for Qualifications from companies that can help plan, approve, and build this type of structure that was seconded by Mr. Kaplan, for purposes of discussion. Mr. Haramis stated this request would give Council information on which companies are qualified to help on the project. After further discussion on the matter took place, Mr. Kaplan and Mr. Haramis suggested Council schedule a Special Council Meeting to express ideas, concerns, and formulate a plan. Mr. Kaplan made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Haramis to schedule a Special Council Meeting to discuss the short-term and long-term future and needs of the Village Service Department.

Roll call Vote: Mr. Kaplan, yes; Mr. Fisher, yes; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Krusinski, yes; Mr. Weigand, yes; Mr. Schneider, no. The Motion was approved. Mr. Bryan was asked to assist with scheduling a Special Council Meeting on this subject in the next two weeks.

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Finance Liaison Richard Fisher, Jr.:

Acknowledgement of Receipt of Financial Reports: Mr. Fisher made a motion to acknowledge receipt of both the June and July Financial Reports that was seconded by Mr. Haramis.

Roll call Vote: Mr. Kaplan, yes; Mr. Fisher, yes; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Krusinski, yes; Mr. Weigand, yes; Mr. Schneider, yes. The Motion was approved.

Ratification of Submitted Bills List: Mr. Fisher made a motion for Ratification of the Submitted Bills List for July that was seconded by Mr. Kaplan.

Roll call Vote: Mr. Kaplan, yes; Mr. Fisher, yes; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Krusinski, yes; Mr. Weigand, yes; Mr. Schneider, yes. The Motion was approved.

Police Department Liaison Daniel Schneider, Sr.: Councilperson Schneider stated a new Auxiliary Officer, Joseph Carlos, was recently sworn in by the Mayor. The Police Department is still waiting on the delivery of its new 2021 cruiser.

Roads and Public Works Liaison George Haramis: Mr. Haramis stated the cooperation between the Village and Township Service Departments has been going smoothly. Mr. Haramis and Mr. Kaplan agreed they would like to take steps to make sure a structure for maintaining that cooperation remains in place beyond the service periods of the current employees and elected officials of the two communities. Mr. Haramis suggested an interim meeting with the Township before the current lease agreement expires at the end of September. Mr. Haramis stated he would like to develop a long-range plan for the Service Department, including facilities, equipment, and capital projects. Mr. Kaplan mentioned the Planning Commission should have input into certain aspects of that plan.

Planning Commission Representative Christopher Weigand: Mr. Weigand stated the Planning Commission held its regular meeting via Zoom on July 27, 2020. The Commission reviewed and discussed the last few sections of the Zoning Code on its agenda, including the outdoor parking and storage of recreation vehicles. The new updated Zoning Code may be ready for referral to Council after the August Planning Commission Meeting. Mr. Weigand stated he and Kevin Royer will be surveying the location and condition of sidewalks in the Village. The goal is to ultimately create a comprehensive sidewalk strategy for the Village. After the Zoning and Sidewalk tasks are complete, the Planning Commission will look into parking issues. Mr. Weigand asked Council for an additional \$1,500 appropriation for the Village planning consultant Rita McMahon of Aislinn Consulting LLC that would permit her to complete the Zoning Code Update Project. The process has been more comprehensive than first thought and Ms. McMahon has been asked to help with additional assignments that have arisen. The

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additional money would make sure there would be sufficient funds to permit her to work through the time the amendments are approved by Council. Mr. Weigand stated all of the additional funds might not be needed, but he did not want to have to come back to Council to request additional money if it was needed. Council agreed the consultant's services are necessary and valued. Mr. Elkins stated there is already a budget of 12,500 for Planning Commission consultant expenses, and the Commission is currently well under that appropriated budget for the year. Therefore, an amendment to the annual appropriation resolution is not needed. Council only needs to authorize additional funds for the Aislinn Consulting LLC contract. Mr. Bryan clarified the motion would be to authorize an additional \$1,500 beyond the \$3,400 that was previously authorized for Aislinn Consulting LLC for 2020. The motion was made by Mr. Weigand and seconded by Mr. Haramis.

Roll call Vote: Mr. Kaplan, yes; Mr. Fisher, yes; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Krusinski, yes; Mr. Weigand, yes; Mr. Schneider, yes. The Motion was approved.

Zoning Officer Charles Hemming: Mayor Schneider stated the Village has had a few calls about tents.

Board of Zoning Appeals: The Mayor reported he is appointing Karlyn Green, 6375 Riverview Road, to the remaining open seat on the Board of Zoning Appeals. He is also appointing Kevin Kremer as a Board Alternate. Mr. Bryan clarified the Mayor appoints persons to the Board and Council is required to confirm the appointments by a majority vote. Mr. Kaplan made a motion to confirm the Mayor's BZA appointees that was seconded by Mr. Weigand.

Roll call Vote: Mr. Kaplan, yes; Mr. Fisher, yes; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Krusinski, yes; Mr. Weigand, yes; Mr. Schneider, yes. The appointments were approved.

Buildings and Grounds Liaison John Krusinski: Mr. Krusinski stated the old Village Service Department building may have encroached onto the neighbor's property. The Mayor directed the Fiscal Officer to approve \$500 to get the property surveyed so that the Village can clarify the boundaries of the property. Mr. Krusinski stated he will be meeting the surveyor at the site next week so that the survey can be performed.

Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development Liaison Christopher Weigand: Mr. Weigand stated the Chamber has not yet determined if Music on the Porches will take place yet.

Policies & Procedures Liaison Michael J. Kaplan: Mr. Kaplan stated he had nothing new.

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Fire Board Liaison Daniel Schneider, Sr.: Mr. Schneider stated the new Fire Truck is scheduled for completion on August 20, 2020 and will be delivered from Florida.

Cemetery Board Liaison Daniel Schneider, Sr.: Mr. Schneider had nothing new to report.

JEDD: Mr. Elkins stated the State Auditors are finishing the JEDD audit and have requested a copy of the JEDD's public records and record retention policies.

Wastewater: Mr. Bryan stated he is waiting to receive a response and sample documents from the Summit County Department of Sanitary Sewer Services. The Director stated he would get back to the Village with information sometime in August. The Village has kept the Ohio EPA up to date as to what is happening.

Solicitor Brad Bryan: Mr. Bryan stated the Village Garbage Contract with Republic expires at the end of 2020. The Contract allows the Village to extend the agreement for two additional one-year terms. Mr. Bryan reminded Council of Republic's proposal to switch to recycling carts and pick up recycling every two weeks in return for reduced pricing. The alternate proposal was for the same service for a 52 cent per month increase (46 cent increase for seniors) for next year only. Council discussed the matter and determined it wanted to keep the same type and frequency of service and the minimal monthly increase amount was not worth putting the contract out to bid this year. Mr. Schneider made a motion to extend the Republic contract through 2021 on the same terms with the exception of the 2021 proposed price increase. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kaplan.

Roll call Vote: Mr. Kaplan, yes; Mr. Fisher, yes; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Krusinski, yes; Mr. Weigand, yes; Mr. Schneider, yes. The Motion was approved.

Mr. Bryan stated certain members of Council have decided not to take their pay. Since the Fiscal Officer is currently required to pay Councilpersons per the Council pay ordinance, an ordinance or policy needs to be adopted that provides how and when Councilmembers can elect to not take their pay. Mr. Bryan will draft language for Council's review prior to the next Council Meeting.

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LEGISLATION:

Second Reading:

Ordinance No. 14-2020

Requested by Solicitor Bryan

An Ordinance to Approve Current Replacement Pages to the Peninsula Codified Ordinances

The Ordinance was read by title by Mr. Bryan. Mr. Weigand made a motion to suspend the three-reading rule that was seconded by Mr. Haramis.

Roll call Vote: Mr. Kaplan, yes; Mr. Fisher, yes; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Krusinski, yes; Mr. Weigand, yes; Mr. Schneider, yes. The motion was approved.

A motion to pass Ordinance No. 14-2020 was made by Mr. Weigand and seconded by Mr. Fisher.

Roll call Vote: Mr. Kaplan, yes; Mr. Fisher, yes; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Krusinski, yes; Mr. Weigand, yes; Mr. Schneider, yes. The Ordinance was adopted.

First Reading:

Resolution No. 17-2020

Requested by Mayor Schneider, Police Chief Varga, and Service Dept. Supervisor Andexler

A Resolution Authorizing the Village of Peninsula to Participate in the State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program

The Resolution was read by title by Mr. Bryan. A motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by Mr. Haramis and seconded by Mr. Schneider.

Roll call Vote: Mr. Kaplan, yes; Mr. Fisher, yes; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Krusinski, yes; Mr. Weigand, yes; Mr. Schneider, yes. The Motion was approved.

A motion to approve Resolution No. 17-2020 was made by Mr. Haramis and seconded by Mr. Schneider.

Roll call Vote: Mr. Kaplan, yes; Mr. Fisher, yes; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Krusinski, yes; Mr. Weigand, yes; Mr. Schneider, yes. The Resolution was adopted.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Krusinski requested permission to form a Committee to explore ways for the Village to obtain additional revenue consisting of himself, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Weigand, and Karen Walters. Mr. Kaplan gave the approval for the Committee as President Pro-Tem of Council.

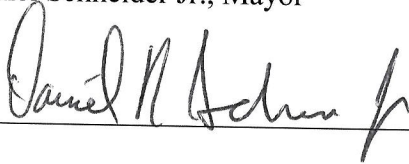
NEW BUSINESS: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (as needed): None.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Kaplan and seconded by Mr. Haramis. All were in favor of the motion; none were opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Daniel Schneider Jr., Mayor

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Date

9-15-2020

Trevor Elkins, Fiscal Officer

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9/22/2020